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SUBJECT: ROYG BRIEFED ON LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR USE OF FORCE  
IN IRAQ

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On Monday, March 24 DCM discussed the legal authority for use of force in Iraq (reftel) with MFA's Americas Chief Abdul-Salam Q. Al-Awadi. The meeting was delayed while Embassy remained at "Stand Fast" mode following the onset of hostilities in Iraq. Awadi thanked DCM for the "useful" information, and indicated his intent to share the points with other ROYG officials. Awadi did not challenge or comment further on the legality of the use of force during this discussion.

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